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STATE OF MONTANA

HELENA, MONTANA 59620

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Agnes Zipperian
Governor's Office
Room 219, Capitol Bldg.
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Agnes,

This letter notifies you of a proposed remedial action at the Milltown Reservoir sediments "Superfund" site. The remedial action is to be funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (90%) and by the State of Montana (10%). This project is subject to the state intergovernmental review process. The comment period on this proposed action will begin five days after the date this letter is sent. Please address any comments on the proposed action to: Michael Rubich, Solid Waste Management Bureau, Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences, Room B-201, Cogswell Building, Helena, MT 59620. The project is outlined below.

- 1] Site Name: Milltown Reservoir Sediments
- 2] Location of Site: Missoula County
- 3] Site Rank: This site is ranked in Group 4 of the National Priorities List (40 CFR Part 300, Appendix B) established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-510).
- 4] Nature of the Problem: Sediments which have collected behind the Milltown Reservoir contain arsenic and heavy metals as the result of historical mining and mining-related activities in the upper Clark Fork drainage. These toxic materials have leached into the drinking water supplies for approximately 33 Milltown residences. Remedial investigations and feasibility studies are being conducted by the State of Montana via a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These studies have shown that a replacement water system using a non-contaminated ground water supply is the most feasible solution to the problem of providing a safe drinking water supply. The state is pursuing an amendment to the existing cooperative agreement to obtain funds to design and construct the proposed replacement water system.
- 5] Description of Proposed Activities: The project will consist of a remedial action (construction of a replacement water system) that will provide a safe drinking water supply to the affected residents of Milltown.

The project will include final system design, preparation of plans and specifications, construction, testing, and monitoring.

6] Community Relations Activities: Community relations activities will continue for this phase of site activities to inform and receive input from public officials and the affected community. These activities include: meetings with the Milltown Citizens Advisory Committee and the public; distributing press releases; and assisting with community preparations to assume control of the new water system.

7] Estimated Cost: \$320,000 (90% funded by the U.S. EPA; 10% funded by the State of Montana)

8] Projected Start Date: March 15, 1984

9] Projected End Date: January 31, 1985

10] State Project Officer: Michael Rubich
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Please submit any comments that you might have at the earliest possible time so that we can proceed with the project without any delays. Mike Rubich, 444-2821, of my staff is available to assist you in any way during your review.

Sincerely,



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